

ARTICLES

To be Enquired of, within the
Diocese of Carlile,

IN THE
Primary Visitation

OF THE
Right Reverend Father in God,

J O H N

Lord Bishop of

C A R L I L E,

An. Dom. 1724,

The First Year of his CONSECRATION.

L O N D O N,

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*The Tenor of the Oath to be administered to
the CHURCH-WARDENS.*

YOU shall swear, That you will di-
ligently Enquire, and true Present-
ment make, of all Defaults and Offences
committed in your Parish, against the Ec-
clesiastical Laws of this Realm, to the
best of your Skill and Knowledge :



So help you God.

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OF

Visitation and Enquiry,

Within the Diocese of *CARLILE*.

TIT. I.

Concerning Churches and Chapels, with their Possessions and Utensils.

- I. **I**S your Church or Chapel, with the Chancel and Tower or Steeple, decently kept, within and without?
- II. Is the Roof well covered, the Windows well glazed, and the Floor well paved, plain and even, the Bells and Ropes in good Condition? and is your Chancel in good and sufficient Repair?
- III. Is your Church-yard sufficiently Fenced, and decently kept from all Annoyances, and no Encroachments made upon it by Building, or otherwise? and are the Trees (if any) therein carefully preserved?
- IV. Have any Bells, Lead, Timber, or other Materials of your Church or Chapel, been embezzelled? and by whom?
- V. Have you a Font of Stone decently covered, towards the lower End of the Church, for the Administration of Baptism?
- VI. Have you a decent Table commodiously placed in the Church, for the Celebration of the Holy Communion, cover'd with a Carpet of Silk, or other decent Stuff, in time of Divine Service, and with a fair Linen Cloth at the time of Administration?
- VII. Have you a Silver Chalice with a Cover, and a Flaggon of Pewter, or purer Metal, for the Wine, and a Patten for the Bread, and all other Things necessary for

the performance of Divine Service, and the Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

VIII. Is there a convenient Desk and Pulpit?

IX. Have you a fair Surplice, provided and washed at the Charge of the Parish?

X. Have you a large *English* Bible of the last Translation, with two Common-Prayer Books well bound?

XI. Have you the Book of Homilies publish'd by Authority, the Book of Canons, a Table of the Degrees allow'd and prohibited in Matrimony, the Thirty Nine Articles of the Church of *England*? or have any of these been lost or embezell'd?

XII. Have you a good strong Chest, with three Locks and Keys, for the Alms of the Congregation, and another for the Books and Ornaments of the Church?

XIII. Have you a Register Book of Parchment for all Persons who are Christened, or Buried in your Parish? and are they duly Registred therein, from time to time?

XIV. Have you a Bier with a Herse-Cloth for the Burial of the Dead?

XV. Is the House of the Rector or Vicar, with the Barns, Stables, and all the Out-Houses, kept in good and sufficient Repair?

XVI. Have you a perfect Terrier or Survey of the Houses, Tenements, Cottages, Out-Houses, Gardens, Orchards, Meadows, and other Lands belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage, and shewing what Tythes, portions of Tythes, or other yearly Profits do appertain unto the same?

XVII. Is one Copy of such a Register kept by the Minister of the Parish, and another deliver'd in to the Bishop's Register?

T I T. II.

Concerning the Clergy.

I. **I**S your Minister Episcopally Ordained; according to the Laws and Realm of *England*?

II. Doth he reside upon his Benefice, and dwell in his Parsonage or Vicarage-House?

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III. If he be not there himself, hath he a Curate allowed of by the Bishop always residing amongst you?

IV. Doth he distinctly and devoutly read the whole Prayers of the Church every Sunday, and every time the People are assembled for that Purpose?

V. Doth he preach every Sunday, and diligently Catechise all the Youth in the Parish, sent unto him on Sundays, and Holidays, before the Evening Service?

VI. Doth he administer the Sacrament of Baptism publicly, except in Case of Necessity, when the Infant is in danger of dying without it?

VII. Doth he, in that Case, use only the Office of private Baptism; and afterwards, if the Child (so Baptised) recover, receive it publicly into the Church, as the Law requires?

VIII. Doth he celebrate the Lord's Supper in the Church; so often every Year, that all his Parishioners may receive at least three times in the Year, whereof *Easter* to be one? And doth he give Notice of it the Sunday before the Communion?

IX. Is he always ready to visit the Sick, according to the Order prescribed, and to prepare them for the Holy Communion, before their Departure out of this Life?

X. Doth he Marry any Persons in private Houses, or without Banns being first publish'd three several Sundays or Holidays in the Parish-Church where the Parties dwell, unless he hath a special License to do it?

XI. Is he, and his Curate, Persons of sober, chaste, and unblemish'd Life, being grave, decent, and regular in their Conversation and Apparel? Or, on the contrary, are their Behaviour any way scandalous or disorderly, and unbecoming their Holy Profession?

T I T. III.

Concerning the Parishioners.

I. **A**RE there any of your Parish of due Age, who commonly absent themselves from Morning and Evening Prayer upon the Lord's Day, when they are not reasonably letted?

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II. Are there any who follow their Callings, or Occupy themselves unnecessarily in servile Work, or require their Children or Servants so to do on the Lord's Day?

III. Are there any in your Parish who lie under a common fame or vehement suspicion of Adultery, Fornication, or Incest? Are there any common Drunkards, Swearers, or Blasphemers of God's Holy Name and Word? and do you present all who are notoriously guilty of such Crimes?

IV. Do any of your Parish refuse or neglect to send their Children and Servants to be Catechis'd by their Minister, on the Lord's Day, at Evening Prayer?

V. Have you any in your Parish not yet Baptis'd?

VI. Are there any who have been Baptis'd, and also instructed in the Principles of Religion, and yet have not been Confirm'd by the Bishop?

VII. Is there any Person in your Parish (so Instructed and Confirm'd) who refuses to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, being above Sixteen Years of Age, at least three times in the Year, and particularly at *Easter*?

VIII. Do your Parishioners, in time of Divine Service, and Sermon, behave themselves with Reverence, Order, and Decency, none disturbing Holy Duties, by Talking, Walking, Clamour or Fighting in the Church or Church-yard?

IX. Are any Goods of Persons who die Intestate administered without lawful Authority?

X. Are there any of your Parishioners who refuse to pay their *Easter* Offerings, or other Dues to their Minister, to pay Rates assess'd on them for the Repair of the Church, and providing Books and other Necessaries for the Service of Almighty God?

T I T. IV.

Concerning Church-Wardens, and Parish-Clerks.

I. **A**RE the Church-Wardens of your Parish chosen yearly in *Easter*-week, by the joint Advice of your Minister and Parishioners; or one of them by the Minister, and the other by the Parishioners?

II. Have

II. Have the former Church-wardens given up their Accounts to the next succeeding in that Office, and deliver'd the Money, and what else they had belonging to the Church?

III. Is a sufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and wholesome Wine provided against every Communion, by the Curate and Church-wardens, at the Charge of the Parish?

IV. Have you a Parish-Clerk of the Age of Twenty Years at least, of a sober Life, and well qualified for his Office?

V. Is his accustom'd Salary duly paid him, and the other Dues, and Perquisites belonging to his Place?

VI. Doth the Clerk and Sexton take Care of your Church, to keep it clean, to open and shut the Church Doors at due time, and toll the Bell or Bells at the usual Hours before Prayers, to call the Parishioners to the Worship of God?

T I T. V.

Concerning Ecclesiastical-Court Officers.

I. **H**ATH any Church Officer, Register, Proctor, or Apparitor taken and received more than their ordinary and legal Fees?

II. Have any of them, for any Reward, excused, or unduly Dismissed any Offender that hath been Presented by the Church-wardens?

III. Hath any Apparitor cited any unlawfully, without a Citation first had from the Court?

IV. Hath any taken a Reward for the concealing any Offence, or avoiding the Punishment of the Offenders?

V. What pecuniary Mult or Sum of Money, have you heard, hath been paid by Offenders, to any Ecclesiastical Judge, since the last Act of Grace?

T I T. VI.

Concerning Alms-Houses, Schools, Schoolmasters, Physicians, Chirurgeons, and Midwives.

I. **I**S there in your Parish any Hospital or Alms-House, or Free-School?

II. What

- II. What Revenue belongs to each of them?
 III. Are they govern'd and order'd in their Use and Revenue, according to the Will of the Founders?
 IV. Is the Master of the Free-School, or any other School in the Parish, licensed by the Bishop?
 V. Is the Schoolmaster of an honest, sober, and religious Conversation?
 VI. Doth he come to Church himself, and constantly bring his Scholars, at the time of Divine Service?
 VII. Doth he Examine and Instruct his Scholars in the Catechism set forth in the Common-Prayer?
 VIII. Do any in your Parish practise Physick, or Chirurgery, or any Woman take upon her the Office of a Midwife, without License from the Ordinary?

An Advertisement.

THE Rector, Vicary, or Curate of every Parish may join in Presentment with the Church-wardens and Side-men; and in Case the Church-wardens neglect or refuse to Present, the Ministers themselves (who are chiefly entrusted with the Care of reforming Abuses within their Parish) may and ought to Present alone, as well the Offences committed, as the Offence of the Church-wardens in not Presenting the same. *Can. 113.*

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